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Van Brabant, et al.	)	Group Art Unit:
Application No. (Unassigned)	)	Examiner:
Filed: (Herewith)	)	
For: <i>Coated Metal Reinforcement Element</i>	)	
<i>and Coating Materials</i>	)	Peoria, IL 61602-1241
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Sir:

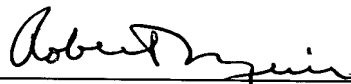
The following information and attached material are submitted for the Examiner's consideration relative to one or more of the claims in the above-identified application. Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each item listed thereon are attached. Also attached is a copy of the International Search Report. The International Search Report is from the PCT patent application from which the present application claims priority.

All of the prior art documents are referenced in the International Search Report and/or are discussed in the background of the specification. The relevance of these documents to the claimed subject matter in this application is believed to be explained in the International Search Report and/or in the application.

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It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §609. If for some reason the examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

Respectfully submitted,

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